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Identical letters dated 25 February 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

In the early hours of Wednesday, 25 February 2015, the Israeli occupation forces re-arrested the activist Sidqi al-Maqt, who had been released in August 2012 after being held in the bowels of the occupation's prisons for 27 years without legal or moral basis. Under cover of darkness, the occupation forces raided his family home in the village of Majdal Shams, in the occupied Syrian Golan. They ransacked the rooms of the house, vandalized furniture and confiscated the residents' mobile phones without giving any justification for their crimes, which are a flagrant violation of the Third and Fourth Geneva Conventions.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic stresses that this crime was but one of a series of crimes committed by the Israeli forces against the Syrian civilians who live under Israeli occupation in the Syrian Golan. It is part of a long and shameful catalogue of human rights violations that stretch back across the more than 47 years in which the Syrian Golan has been occupied. The list includes intimidation, terrorism, forced displacement, demolition of Syrian towns and villages, plundering of natural resources and destruction of historic sites and the environment, among other disgraceful practices. Israel has persisted in flouting the authoritative international resolutions that require an end to the occupation. It has done so with impunity, having been granted freedom from accountability by certain members of the Security Council.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic once again calls on the Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Security Council, the High Commissioner for Human Rights and all human rights organizations to insist that Israel immediately and unconditionally release the abducted captive Sidqi al-Maqt and free all citizens of the Syrian Arab Republic who are being held in the jails of the occupation. Syria calls on all parties to prevail on the occupation authorities in

the Syrian Golan to provide more humane sanitary conditions for Syrian citizens in the Golan and comply with the Fourth Geneva Convention and international humanitarian law. The Syrian Government rejects the show-trials to which the Syrian detainees have been subjected.

The Government of the Syrian Arab Republic insists that the Security Council must take the necessary legal measures to enforce its own resolutions, which require that Israel withdraw from all of the occupied Syrian Golan to the lines of 4 June 1967 and bring an end to its grisly practices and ongoing violations of the Charter of the United Nations, the resolutions of the Security Council and international humanitarian law.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 51, and of the Security Council.

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